of providing telecom service has increased, though there has been reduction in the prices of certain equipments.

(b) The Telecom. tariffs are reviewed regularly and revised as and when found necessary keeping in view the operational costs, costs of modernisation of telecom network, its expansion and need for cross-subsidization of services in the rural and tribal areas and concessions to Press, Educational Institutions, Freedom Fighters etc.

Panchayats Connected with Telecom System in Bihar

3626. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

SHRI RANJAN PRASAD YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have a plan to connect every Panchayat in the country with Telecom. system; and

(b) if so, how many Panchayats in Bihar have been connected with Telecom system so far and within what time frame rest of the Panchayats will be connected with Telecommunication?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Out of a total of 11762 Panchayat villages in Bihar, 5801 have been covered with telephone facility as on 31-07-1993 and the remaining Panchayat Villages will be covered with telephone facility progressively by 31st March, 1995 subject to availability of resources.

TAC of MTNI, New Delhi and PAC of Delhi

3627. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names and addresses of the present members of the Telephone Advisory Committee (TAC) for the East Zone of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. New Delhi as well as those of Postal Advisory Committee, (PAC) for Delhi circle stating their respective telephone numbers installed as service telephones and the respective interests represented;

(b) what are the details of privileges, facilities and other powers viz. sanctioning recommending new telephone connections or opening of new telephone exchanges or expansion of their capacity enjoyed by the members of the said TAC as well as those of the said PAC;

(c) what is the tenure of the current TAC and the PAC as in (a) above;

(d) what are the details of meeting held so far by the said TAC and PAC meeting-wise details alongwith the recommendations made by them and those implemented by the Government, memberwise details; and

(e) what is the details of amount of Travelling Allowance (TA) and daily Allowance (DA) admissible at present to the said TAC and PAC members; and also the details of the amounts of TA and DA paid to each of the said TAC and PAC members so far during their current tenure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The required information in respect of Telephone Advisory Committee, Delhi (East) is furnished in the Statement I (*See below*) and is placed on the Table of the House. Postal Advisory Committee for Delhi Circle has not yet been constituted.

(b) The required information in respect of TAC members is furnished in Statement-II (*See below*) and is placed on the Table of the House. The members of Postal Advisory Committees do not enjoy any privileges.

(c) The tenure of the current TAC of Delhi (East) will expire on 31-8-94. As regards PAC the question does not arise in view of (a) above.

(d) 3 meetings of Telephone Advisory Committee for Delhi (East) had taken place, one each on 9-12-92, 10-3-93 and 28-6-93 respectively. Apart from the normal deliberations the members of TAC,